

# Next Steps - December 2017

## Next worship gathering

Join us Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m., here at Old Irving Brewing. We hope you'll come and invite a friend to come with you! In the meantime, we hope you'll participate in Sunday worship at our North Avenue or Park Ridge sites.

## A Night in Bethlehem, December 9

We hope you and your friends will be part of our family Christmas celebration, A Night in Bethlehem, on Saturday, December 9, from 2-4 p.m. at Redeemer Park Ridge. During this open house event, parents and kids will wander through the Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share about the miracle of Jesus' birth. An RSVP is not required, but letting us know you're coming helps our team prepare. Reply to the Night in Bethlehem event on our Facebook page and share it with anyone you'd like! Our wonderful team of volunteers is getting things ready, but we could always use more help. Whether you love to plan, build, create, imagine, act, communicate, assist, organize, welcome, or prepare, we have a job for you. Please contact Rachel Quest ([rachel@redeemerchicago.com](mailto:rachel@redeemerchicago.com)) with questions.

## Christmas Party, December 15

Our annual Redeemer Christmas party will be Friday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer North Avenue. Come enjoy time together over delicious food, warm lattes, and festive carols. We'll have games and crafts for the kids, and we'll end the night with a classic Christmas movie. This is a great event for inviting a friend! You're welcome to bring a snack or dessert to share with the group, but feel free to just drop in. Questions? Speak with Pastor Matt ([matt@redeemerchicago.com](mailto:matt@redeemerchicago.com)).

## Online Giving

If you would like to give to support Redeemer's mission, go to [redeemerchicago.com](http://redeemerchicago.com) or follow this QR code:



## Christmas Eve Worship, December 24

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, and Redeemer will have three worship opportunities. Celebrate the birth of our Savior at a 10:00 a.m. family service at Redeemer Park Ridge (1006 Gillick Street, Park Ridge), a 4:00 p.m. family service at Redeemer North Avenue (6740 W North Avenue, Chicago), or a 10:00 p.m. candlelight service at Redeemer Park Ridge.

## Bible study, January 4

We're looking for a team of people willing to support Redeemer's mission in three key ways: (1) by showing up regularly for worship gatherings, (2) by taking on a role of responsibility (for example, greeting at the front door or serving communion), and (3) by supporting our mission financially. We're inviting anyone interested in considering being a part of this team (not necessarily committed to it) to participate in an upcoming Bible study. We'll be exploring a passage from *The Story* together on Thursday, January 4, from 7:30-8:45 p.m. at Keeler Gardens (3631 N Keeler Avenue). We hope you'll join us!

## Stateville Prison Visit, February 10

A group from Redeemer will be visiting Stateville Prison on Saturday, February 10. This is a highly rewarding ministry as we go cell to cell, handing out copies of the Spiritual Survival Guide for Prison and Beyond and praying with inmates. If you're interested in going or just want more information, please get in touch with Ben Blobaum ([bblobaum@gmail.com](mailto:bblobaum@gmail.com) or 224-392-1834) as soon as possible. Names needed to be submitted well in advance for clearance to enter the prison. Even if you're not sure, if you think you *might* want to go, let Ben know.

## *The Story*

Please pick up a free copy of *The Story*, which our whole congregation is reading together.